From:

To: Site Allocations Plan

Subject: PDE00999_Concerns re building on Green Belt land in Rawdon and Horsforth

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to formally raise my concerns re building on Green Belt land in the following sites:

HG2 - 12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon

HG3 - 2, HG3 - 3, HG3 - 4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

HG2 – 41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium

The proposal to build on these Green Belt sites is not consistent with the national policy and will have a dramatic negative effect on traffic and wildlife.

In addition to this myself and my family frequently exercise (walk and mountain bike) in these areas of beauty for wellbeing, health and physical exercise and this is a crucial part of our lifestyle which we would like to continue in the future. Otherwise we will be ruining the environment by having to drive by car everywhere.

Whilst improvements have tried to be made to the roundabout at the bottom of the A65 in Horsforth, this has only made traffic congestion worse and it is now regularly taking on average up to 25 mins to travel from Rawdon to Horsforth (1/4 mile) to get through the traffic. This will be significantly worse if even more houses were built on the green belt areas close to this roundabout.

The proposal to use this strategic green infrastructure goes against Leeds Core Strategy and the proposal to use Green Belt before brownfield is not justified!

Already both Rawdon and Horsforth are over populated with waiting times in Doctor's surgeries increasing and available places in schools decreasing and as mentioned above the traffic is practically at a standstill when driving in and around these areas.

Additional housing would add to an already overpopulated area of Leeds whilst getting rid of beautiful green belt land and killing wildlife, plants and trees would be a travesty!

I look forward to your response.

Regards

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